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A Communication from the Examiner dated August 16, 2001 advising us that the above application has been suspended for a period of 6 months.

Six months have now passed, therefore Applicants respectfully ask to be advised as to the present status of the above application.

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